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C O N F I D E N T I A L USBERLIN 1752

E.O.11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: ALLIED PROTEST ON GDR STOPPAGE OF TRAFFIC

REF: A) BONN 14057; B) USBERLIN 1751

1. WE ARE DISAPPOINTED AT DECISION WHICH SEEMS TO BE EVOLVING THAT PROTEST SHOULD BE DELIVERED AT BERLIN POLAD LEVEL, BUT WE REALIZE FACTORS WHICH SEEM TO MAKE IT INEVITABLE. ONE SERIOUS PROBLEM WHICH BERLIN CHANNEL WILL PRECIPITATE WILL BE PRESUMPTION THAT ALLIED PROTEST IS MERELY REPLY TO SOVIETEMBASSY PREEMPTIVE PROTEST OF AUGUST 12(USBERLIN 1685), WHICH WARNED THAT STERNFAHRT WOULD COMPLICATE SITUATION IN AND AROUND BERLIN. THERE IS AFTER ALL A CAUSE AND EFFECT RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SUBJECT MATTER OF TWO STATEMENTS, WHATEVER THE NOMINAL INDEPENDENCE OF OUR REMARKS.

2. IF SOVIETS ASK ABOUT THIS, POLAD WILL CONFINE HIMSELF TO NOTING THAT ALLIED STATEMENT CONTAINS NO
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REFERENCE TO SOVIET REMARKS OF AUGUST 12, AND THAT IT

SPEAKS FOR ITSELF.

3. INTENSE GERMAN INTEREST WILL CREATE OBVIOUS PRESS PROBLEMS. WE HAVE NO DOUBT THAT FRG GOVERNMENT WILL PROMPTLY INFORM PRESS OF PROTEST. AN ABVIOUS DIFFICULTY IS THAT USSR, WITHIN GERMANY, HAS WIDELY IF UNOFFICIALLY PUBLICIZED ITS POSITION ON MATTER IN NEUES DEUTSCHLAND (USBERLIN 1751). IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES, WE HOPE THAT AS MUCH INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE ABOUT ALLIED POSITION CAN BE FURNISHED PRESS, IF NECESSARY ON IF ASKED BASIS.
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